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A-Expert to Advise On Viet Pacification

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Thermonuclear war strategist Herman Kahn is going to Vietnam soon to advise the U.S. military command on possible new steps in the country's pacification program, Pentagon sources said yesterday.

Kahn, author of such nuclear-oriented books as "Thinking About the Unthinkable," is director of the Hudson Institute in New York, one of the so-called "think tanks" doing research for the Pentagon.

Defense officials said Kahn's trip has nothing to do with any possible use of nuclear weapons in the war.

Such measures are not even being considered, officials said.

Under a Defense Department contract, the amount of which was not learned, Kahn will study pacification as an adviser to Robert Komer, head of the program.

Basically, the pacification effort is designed to help South Vietnamese hamlets and villages become secure against guerrillas and regain confidence in the Saigon government.

The pacification program was dealt a severe setback in the Communist Tet offensive that began in late January.